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*E-News for the Week: December 16,
2016...*

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**Thank you to
everyone that donated
to the LAPD Devonshire PALS
Annual Toy Drive Event**

RECENT LEGISLATION

**Developing a Sidewalk Vending Policy for a Diverse
City...**



This week, I spoke at the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee to provide input on the pending Citywide [Street Vending policy](#).

While I have seen and experienced successful street vending in many cities, and recognize its ability to enhance cultural experiences and provide economic opportunities for entrepreneurs, a one-size-fits-all street vending policy does not work in a City as diverse as Los Angeles.

Council District 12 is home to the largest contiguous industrial corridor in the City of Los Angeles and, with the [Granada Hills Grub Fest](#), we are also home to the largest regular gathering of food trucks in the City of Los Angeles.

Through the Grub Fest, Reseda Blvd Great Streets Program, and many other similar community gatherings, my office has worked with local businesses, Neighborhood Councils, Chambers of Commerce, food trucks, and community stakeholders to mediate solutions that work for everyone.

To see my full letter to the Committee, [click here](#).

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mission Accomplished: The Second Mobile Shower Unit is Fully Funded...

Thank
you

This holiday season, I am proud to announce the overwhelming success of our Mobile Mission project.

Our project goal was to raise \$17,000 to provide the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission - Rescue SOS (Survival Outreach Services) program with a second mobile shower unit in order to reach out and care for more families every day. Thanks to your tremendous love and support, we raised

nearly \$30,000 to go towards a brand new mobile shower unit.

The Rescue Mission's Rescue SOS Team is dedicated to helping individuals and families to meet basic, life-essential needs and serves as a link to social services in the community, including the organization's own emergency shelter, residential substance abuse recovery, and transitional housing programs.

Throughout the week, the Rescue SOS Team truck travels to different places within the San Fernando Valley and is equipped with a mobile shower unit, hot nutritious food, clothing, and hygiene items for distribution. Now, thanks to you, the Rescue SOS Team has doubled their resources and can now reach even more communities throughout the San Fernando Valley.

On behalf of my office, the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission, and everyone this new Mobile Mission will help, thank you to all of the Neighborhood Councils, local businesses, and outstanding community members that donated to #TheMobileMission project and helped bring resources and dignity to those that need a clean start.



To learn more about the Rescue Mission and to find out how you can sponsor the Mobile Shower Unit, go to www.sfvrescuemission.org.

LAPD Devonshire PALS 32nd Annual Holiday Toy Drive...

The [LAPD Devonshire PALS](#) is seeking volunteers and gifts for children this holiday season. Toys should be new and unwrapped and appropriate for children ages 2-18. Suggested items for kids include: Legos, sports equipment, art supplies, remote control cars, and crafts. Suggested items for teens include: sports equipment, scarves, hats, purses, jewelry, socks, sweatshirts, tote bags, and gift cards.



**The 32nd Annual Toy Drive Event
Saturday, December 17**

9:00 am

**PALS Center
8721 Wilbur Ave.
Northridge**

Today is the last day for toys to be donated. Gifts are accepted at the below locations:

**PALS Center
8721 Wilbur Ave.
Northridge**

**Devonshire Police Station
10250 Etiwanda Ave.
Northridge**

**CD 12 Community Service Center
9207 Oakdale Ave.
Chatsworth**

To volunteer at the PALS toy drive and for more information, call (818) 885-6432.

LAFD Christmas Tree Fire Safety Reminder...

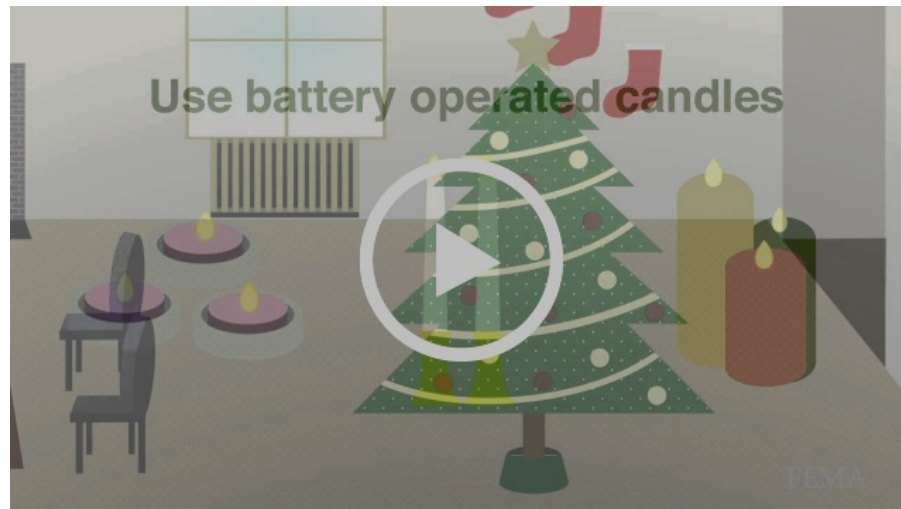


The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) along with the U.S. Fire Administration provide facts about home holiday fires...

- One of every three home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.
- Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious. On average, one of every 40 reported home structure Christmas tree fires results in a death compared to an average of one death per 142 total reported home structure fires.
- A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly one in every six Christmas tree fires.
- More than half (56%) of home candle fires occur when something that can catch on fire is too close to the candle. Even menorah holiday

decorations have destroyed Los Angeles homes in the recent past.

- December is the peak time of year for home candle fires. In December, 11% of home candle fires began with decorations compared to 4% the rest of the year.



Well-watered trees are not a problem, but a dry and neglected tree can be. This dramatic clip illustrates what happens when fire touches a dry tree and a properly maintained, well-watered tree.



Also, with this recent cold snap of holiday winter weather, please remember sure to keep your pets safe! Bring pets and animals inside before winter storms and never leave them tied up outside. Get more [pet tips here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Make an Appointment at the CD12 Community Service Center...

We are now taking reservations for community members to meet one-on-one with representatives of City Departments at our Community Service Center in Chatsworth.



We have regularly scheduled time slots for community members to meet with the Planning, Police, Transportation (LADOT), the Bureau of Street Services, Bureau of Sanitation, Department of Water and Power, Building and Safety, Recreation and Parks, Neighborhood Empowerment Departments, Housing & Community Development, Animal Services, and Aging. This offers community members an opportunity to get information and assistance in Chatsworth without having to travel all the way downtown. Meetings with Department representatives are by appointment only, but you can speak with our Field Deputies at any time.

Community Service Center
9207 Oakdale Ave. Second Floor
Chatsworth.

To RSVP and for more information, call [\(818\) 882-1212](tel:8188821212).

Knollwood United Methodist Church Choir Christmas Concert...



The Knollwood United Methodist Church Choir will present an Invitation to *A Miracle: Advent Cantata* followed by a potluck supper. While the event is free and all are welcome to attend, donations are accepted.

Saturday, December 17
4:00 pm

Knollwood United Methodist Church

12121 Balboa Blvd.
Granada Hills

For more information, call 818-360-8111.

Operation Blankets of Love Volunteer Orientation Meeting...

Operation Blankets of Love is a non-profit animal welfare and emergency relief organization. Volunteers are needed throughout Los Angeles. While Operation Blankets of Love does not work directly with animals, they provide pet aid and comfort items to homeless animals in shelters, rescue groups and pets of the homeless. They are holding a New Volunteer



Orientation Meeting that will include an optional 30-minute private, behind-the-scenes shelter tour afterward.

Sunday, December 18
11:00 am to 12:00 pm

The East Valley Shelter
14409 Vanowen St.
Van Nuys

For more information and to RSVP, call (818) 402-6586 or email obol@obol.info. To donate, go to www.operationblanketsoflove.org.

Chancel Choir and Celebration Ringers Presents The Joys of Christmas...



Join the Northridge United Methodist Church Chancel Choir and Celebration Ringers as they host their Joys of Christmas Winter Concert. The concert will be directed by Rayvon Moor, with Dr. Joseph Lee on the organ and Ruben Mendoza on hand bells.

Sunday, December 18
4:00 pm

Northridge United Methodist Church
9650 Reseda Blvd.
Northridge

For more information, call (818) 886-1555 or go to www.northridgeumc.org.

Valley Philharmonic Orchestra 2016 Winter Concert...

Join the Valley Philharmonic Orchestra as they host their 2016 Winter Concert. Led by Conductor Henry Shin, the performance will feature Holiday music, Khachaturian, Strauss, Tchaikovsky, The Nutcracker, and Beethoven.



Sunday, December 18
7:00 pm

In-Christ Community Church
19514 Rinaldi St.
Northridge

For more information, call (213) 458-4618, email jackiek818@juno.com, or go to www.valleyphil.org.

City of Los Angeles CERT Training..



Training

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is holding a free CERT training class. Trainees will receive 17-1/2 hours of initial training by LAFD personnel. It is provided free of charge within the city of Los

Angeles to anyone 18 or over. CERT members are trained in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. You will learn how to prepare for emergencies, what supplies you should have NOW in your house, how much food and water, but most importantly, how to protect your family and community in an emergency.

Training begins Thursday, January 5
1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

For more information, email cert@ghnnc.com or [click here](#).

Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park First Day Hike...

The Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park is hosting a family-friendly day of discovery and introduction to the Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park. Trails Day is sponsored by The Foundation for the Preservation of the Santa Susana Mountains. The difficulty level is moderate



Sunday, January 1
11:00 am

Andora Trail Head
9955 Andora Ave.
Chatsworth

For more information, call (818) 784-4849 or go to www.fpssm.org.

Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park Hike Leader / Park Docent...



The Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park is hosting a hike leader and docent training course. This training is open to anyone wanting to learn about the Santa Susana Mountains and it's geology, history, and information on the park. While completing the course does not mean you must become a park docent, those interested in being hike

leaders must complete it. The 12 session series is \$50 for the complete training and \$15 for individual classes.

Training begins Saturday, January 7
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

For more information, email santasusanafriends@gmail.com.

The CD 12 Pets of the Week...



This week, our West Valley Animal Shelter Cat of the Week is a gorgeous kitten named "Drake" (ID #A1670811). Drake is a Flame-Point Siamese with soft fur and piercing blue eyes. He is friendly, has the cutest meow, will be an excellent choice for a quiet home looking for someone to love.

Our West Valley Animal Shelter Dog of the Week spot goes to an active and friendly puppy named "Bella" (ID #A1671054). Bella is a 2 year old purebred Blue Merle Queensland Heeler. Her loving, energetic, and intelligent personality make her an excellent companion that is sure to brighten your day.

This holiday season give the gift of a forever home to a furry friend. For more information, visit the shelter at 20655 Plummer St., Chatsworth, [\(818\) 756-9325](tel:8187569325). See all the City shelter animals at the [L.A. Animal Services Search-By-Shelter Page](#).

STAFF REPORT

Reports From Our Staff: Bring Holiday Cooking Oil to the S.A.F.E. Center for Proper Disposal...



Cindy Varela -
Executive
Assistant

Our Executive Assistant, Cindy Varela, would like to remind you during this holiday season, the City of Los Angeles Sanitation Department is accepting household fryer oil for recycling at their S.A.F.E. (Solvents, Automotive, Flammables, Electronics) Centers.

Pouring oil down the kitchen sink or drains can clog up your house plumbing and sewer pipes and may cause sewage

backups and overflows. Let's take care of our environment as we celebrate the holidays. The closest S.A.F.E. Center is located:

Saturday and Sunday
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Nicole Bernson S.A.F.E. Center
10241 N. Balboa Blvd
Northridge

For more information, visit www.lacitysan.org or call [\(800\) 773-2489](tel:8007732489).
Please note no oil will be accepted from businesses.



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